GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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ARMS USED BY TERRORISTS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether terrorists in the country are using Chinese granades and has made Nepal their new transit point for smuggling of arms and ammunitions as reported in the Times of India dated July 12, 2006 and July 16, 2006 respectively;

(b) if so, whether Government has raised the issue with the countries helping terrorists;

(c) if so, the reaction of these countries thereto; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to check the smuggling of arms and ammunitions and cross-boarder terrorism?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a): As per available information, grenades reportedly of Chinese origin/with Chinese markings have been recovered on some occasions. However, it is difficult to pinpoint the source from which these have been procured. In the recent past, no specific case of weapons from a third country landing in Nepal for onward transit to India has been noticed. Smuggling of arms across Indo Nepal border has, however, come to notice.

(b) & (c): India`s security concerns are discussed with various countries in the respective bilateral mechanisms established with these countries for this purpose.

(d): The government pursues a multi dimensional approach to deal with terrorist activities and extends support to the States in neutralizing such terrorist activities. The Government has taken measures which include strengthening of border management to check infiltration, galvanizing the intelligence machinery, ensuring improved technology, weaponry and equipment, of security forces both at the Centre and in the State, undertaking well coordinated intelligence based operations etc. Besides, mechanisms have been established to achieve bilateral and multilateral cooperation to deal with global dimensions of terrorism.